

## Executive Director's Report

### February 28, 2005

#### **Announcements:**

- Gary Scaramazzo was appointed to the Commission by Governor Napolitano.
- The Fund Balance ending January, 2005 was \$16,024,350.
- Secretary of State Brewer has published the 2005 adjusted campaign contribution limits.

#### **Voter Education:**

- The Telephone Research Survey conducted in January to measure voter knowledge of the Clean Elections Act is complete. Among high efficacy voters polled, 82% believe Clean Elections is very important or important to voters.

#### **Legislation:**

- The Commission's bill, SB1257, was heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday, February 21, 2005. With 4 votes in favor and 4 votes against the bill, the bill failed to pass through the committee. Amendments to the bill included eliminating any change to the Candidate Statement Pamphlet and offsetting matching funds for newspaper endorsements.
- HB 2646, which would require the Commission to retain 3 administrative law judges to enforce the law and approve matching funds, has passed through the House Government Committee.
- SB 1279 passed through the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. Eliminates the reporting requirements for nonparticipating candidates who are unopposed by a participating candidate and increase the random sample for \$5 qualifying contributions from 5% to 20% for legislative candidates, has
- SB 1427 passed through the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committees. Requires the Commission to post the following information on its website by August 1, 2005:
  - a. the number of pages of rules, policies, or guidance documents adopted by the CCEC if those documents were printed from the website onto standard sized paper.
  - b. the date the CCEC adopted its first rule.
  - c. the estimated number of pages of documents that the CCEC is likely to adopt by 2010.
- SCR 1036 passed through the Senate Judiciary Committee. Refers to the voters a measure to prohibit "taxpayer money" to be used to fund any political candidate or campaign for statewide office or the Legislature and taxpayer money is defined.

#### **Other Projects & Items:**

- Electronic Fund Transfers: We have met with the Dept. of Administration regarding the potential for improving the EFT process. The first meeting was very promising and we are following up with the next round of contacts.
- 2005-06 Candidate Timelines: The new timeline is under development and near completion. Other publications and training materials are being updated.